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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL

RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2027)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing for the appointment of members of the general
- 2 assembly to serve on the water resources coordinating
- 3 council.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 466B.3, subsection 4, Code 2016, is
- 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 4. Membership voting members. The council shall consist
- 4 of the following voting members:
- 5 a. The director of the department of natural resources or
- 6 the director's designee.
- 7 b. The director of the division of soil conservation and
- 8 water quality within the department of agriculture and land
- 9 stewardship or the director's designee.
- 10 c. The director of the department of public health or the
- 11 director's designee.
- 12 d. The director of the department of homeland security and
- 13 emergency management or the director's designee.
- 14 e. The dean of the college of agriculture and life sciences
- 15 at Iowa state university or the dean's designee.
- 16 f. The dean of the college of public health at the
- 17 university of Iowa or the dean's designee.
- 18 q. The dean of the college of natural sciences at the
- 19 university of northern Iowa or the dean's designee.
- 20 h. The director of transportation or the director's
- 21 designee.
- 22 i. The director of the economic development authority or the
- 23 director's designee.
- 24 j. The executive director of the Iowa finance authority or
- 25 the executive director's designee.
- 26 k. The secretary of agriculture, who shall be the
- 27 chairperson, or the secretary's designee. As the chairperson,
- 28 and in order to further the coordination efforts of the
- 29 council, the secretary may invite representatives from
- 30 any other public agency, private organization, business,
- 31 citizen group, or nonprofit entity to give public input at
- 32 council meetings, provided the entity has an interest in the
- 33 coordinated management of land resources, soil conservation,
- 34 flood mitigation, or water quality. The secretary shall also
- 35 invite and solicit advice from the following:

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- 1 (1) The director of the Iowa water science center of the 2 United States geological survey or the director's designee.
- 3 (2) The state conservationist from the Iowa office of the 4 United States department of agriculture's natural resources
- 5 conservation service or the state conservationist's designee.
- 6 (3) The executive director for Iowa from the United States 7 department of agriculture's farm services agency or the 8 executive director's designee.
- 9 (4) The state director for Iowa from the United States
 10 department of agriculture's office of rural development or the
 11 state director's designee.
- 12 (5) The director of region seven of the United States
 13 environmental protection agency or the director's designee.
- 14 (6) The corps commander from the United States army corps of 15 engineers' Rock Island district or the commander's designee.
- 16 *I.* The dean of the college of engineering at the university 17 of Iowa or the dean's designee.
- 18 Sec. 2. Section 466B.3, Code 2016, is amended by adding the 19 following new subsection:
- 20 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 4A. *Membership legislative members*. The 21 council shall also include four members of the general
- 22 assembly who shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members. The
- 23 legislative members shall be appointed as follows:
- 24 a. Two members of the senate, one of whom shall be appointed
- 25 by the majority leader of the senate and one of whom shall be
- 26 appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- 27 b. Two members of the house of representatives, one of whom
- 28 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one of whom
- 29 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house.
- 30 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 33 This bill adds two members of the senate and two members of
- 34 the house of representatives to serve as ex officio, nonvoting
- 35 members on the water resources coordinating council. The

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- 1 purpose of the council is to preserve and protect Iowa's water
- 2 resources, and to coordinate the management of those resources
- 3 in a sustainable and fiscally responsible manner (Code section
- 4 466B.3).